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It looks as though the stage is set for another scene of one of the last acts of a rather fantastic tragedy. For never has an audience sat so long through a drama without discovering the plot. The American public still does not recognize a treacherous conspiracy even as the tragedy draws to a close.

The actors in the latest scene are:

1. Manuel Ray—Castro's ex-Minister of Public Works—is still one of the most hated of the "ex"-Fidelistas and remains a convinced Marxist. He heads the Cuban Revolutionary Junta (JURE). Ray, an intellectual, is a friend of Betancourt and seems to be the "defector" chosen by the plotters to replace Castro if and when the latter is "overthrown."

2. Manuel Artime Buesa—He heads the Revolutionary Recuperation Movement (MRR). Artime was Castro's Agrarian Reformer and is the son of a well-known Communist. The CIA chose him as the civilian leader of the disastrous Bay of Pigs project. He still receives ample funds from CIA.

3. Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo — He heads the Second Escambray Front and is also on the CIA payroll. Cuban exiles say he "betrayed" anti-Communists in Cuba, and that every member of his family living in Cuba is a Communist.

There are a few things that each of these men have in common. They are all former high-level Castro men who "defected." They all receive wide and favorable publicity . . . by the same news media that gave Castro wide and favorable publicity, and they all are favored with CIA money and backing . . . by the same CIA that helped Castro gain power, and showed no concern over his known Communist background, as attested to by Earl T. Smith, former Ambassador to Cuba, in his book, "The Fourth Floor."

Standing in the wings are a few other phoney organizations, such as "November 30"; "Army of Liberation" headed by Majas Hubert Matos; and "Alpha 66," whose activities have been given wide publicity, but whose control, genuine Cuban anti-Communists believe, is in Communist hands.

Arthur Bliss Lane, in his book, "I Saw Poland Betrayed," revealed that the Polish underground was given a signal to revolt against the German Army by the Soviets, who failed to come to their aid as agreed upon. Instead, the Soviets sat back and watched the slaughter, and the elimination of their potential enemy . . . the militant Polish patriot.

This same trick was employed by the Communist FLN in Algeria. And earlier in Hungary. The patriots revolted prematurely, but only because Voice of America and Radio Free Europe had led them to believe that American aid would be forthcoming. There was no place to hide, and tens of thousands of young men—the hard-core patriots who were willing to die for their country—were tricked into standing up to be counted. And they were murdered or carted away to Siberia . . . thus eliminating that small fraction of the population which was willing to fight . . . leaving only the "sheep."

Nor did air cover arrive, as promised, to save the Cuban patriots in the Bay of Pigs fiasco, planned by the CIA and led by Manuel Artime. Was this also planned to fail? Did some sinister force insure failure in order to humiliate the United States, demoralize Cuban anti-Communists, and smash internal resistance via mass arrests?

Bernard L. Collier reported in May 19 Herald Tribune: "Mr. Artime's group, which still gets U.S. intelligence support, has almost no underground support but he is well equipped and even better financed." Sev-

eral days earlier he reported: "Sources in these groups [exiles] said with some bitterness that Mr. Artime's organization has little or no underground support inside Cuba because its basic strength and support come from outside the Cuban exile community." Speaking of Mr. Ray, he writes: "Most sources fully believe that Mr. Ray will keep his promises, although some exiles question how effective his raids will be."

Always the exiles distrust these highly publicized, CIA-backed leaders. This is because the CIA has never effectively aided genuine anti-Communists and few of them will go near the CIA. Revealing plans of raids to CIA men has proved suicidal.

These exiles now know that the CIA pays several hundred dollars a month to hundreds of Cubans in Miami to spy on fellow Cuban activists. Consequently, whenever an effective, non-CIA organization, such as Commandos "L," plans a raid, they are intercepted. As this organization is financed by voluntary contributions, it requires many months to replace the seized boats and arms. All of this has actually forced serious anti-Castro forces to go underground within our own allegedly anti-Communist USA.

So the election is near and foreign policy is President Johnson's most vulnerable point and Senator Goldwater's strongest point. Maybe everything will work out all right for President Johnson. Perhaps

some nice "non-Communist Marxist" like Manuel Ray and his buddies will kick out that "Communist Marxist." If not an overthrow, the very least you may expect is a lot of anti-Castro noise, ample publicity giving credit to President Johnson via CIA, a new anti-Communist image for President Johnson—and the minds of the American public only slightly aroused from their somnolent state.